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INTRODUCTION



Hal Jordan was chosen to represent an intergalactic police force created by the oldest beings in existence—the Guardians of the Universe. Protecting Earth and all of space sector 2814 from every extraterrestrial threat imaginable, Hal shines his light proudly as Green Lantern! Follow his adventures from his "Rebirth" and triumphant return to the DC Universe, through his darkest hour in the Blackest Night!

Hal Jordan's best friend, Oliver Queen, was once a self-centered billionaire and head of Queen Industries. His fall from grace (and life) was epic...but the Emerald Archer found a way to survive. Now considered a super hero, he strikes out against crime and corruption in his home of Star City as the world's greatest archer and ultimate hero for the people—Green Arrow!

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The complete Dennis O'Neil/Neal Adams GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW saga! Considered some of the greatest work ever produced, these legendary masters tell complex inner-city tales with the Emerald Archer, while Hal Jordan battles all forms of universe-threatening menace...and when they team up, it's the stuff of legends! Read history as it was being created and enjoy some of the most exciting, innovative stories of the genre!

GREEN ARROW: THE LONGBOW HUNTERS is the groundbreaking story of an older, more introspective Green Arrow who's begun to question the decisions he's made throughout his career. But danger follows the Emerald Archer and he soon finds himself bow-deep in intrigue and violence, as he's joined by the mysterious Yakuza archer Shado, in a desperate bid to save Black Canary's life!



WELL,
THAT WAS AN
EVENTFUL
TRIP.

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU WATCH
A FATHER FIGURE YOU'VE THOUGHT
WAS DEAD GET FRIED BY A DEMON...

THE DEMON.

... ONLY TO BE TOLD
BY A GHOST THAT HE'S
NOT **REALLY** DEAD, BUT
JUST HANGING AROUND HEAVEN,
TALKING TO AN OLD FRIEND--
WHO'S ALSO NOW NOT
REALLY DEAD, APPARENTLY.

AND THAT **GIRL**?
HOW OLD DO YOU
THINK SHE WAS?

FIFTEEN,
SIXTEEN--
WHY?

YOU JUST KNOW HE'S
TRAINING HER TO BE
THE NEW SPEEDY.

YOU
THINK?

IT'D FOLLOW
THE PATTERN:
TRAIN A KID FOR
AWHILE, THEN
ABANDON' SAID KID
AND GO HANG
OUT WITH HAL.

CLASSIC
OLIE...

MAN, I REALLY HOPE I'M
WRONG. I MEAN, AREN'T
MOST HEROES BEYOND KID
SIDEKICKS AT THIS POINT
IN THEIR CAREERS?

Ahem...

NOT... YOU KNOW... THAT
THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG
WITH THAT...

OH,
BOY...





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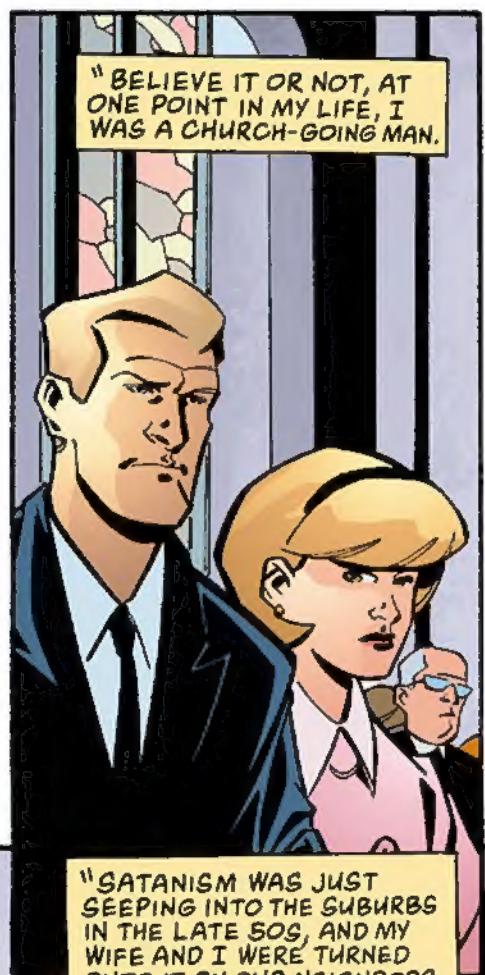
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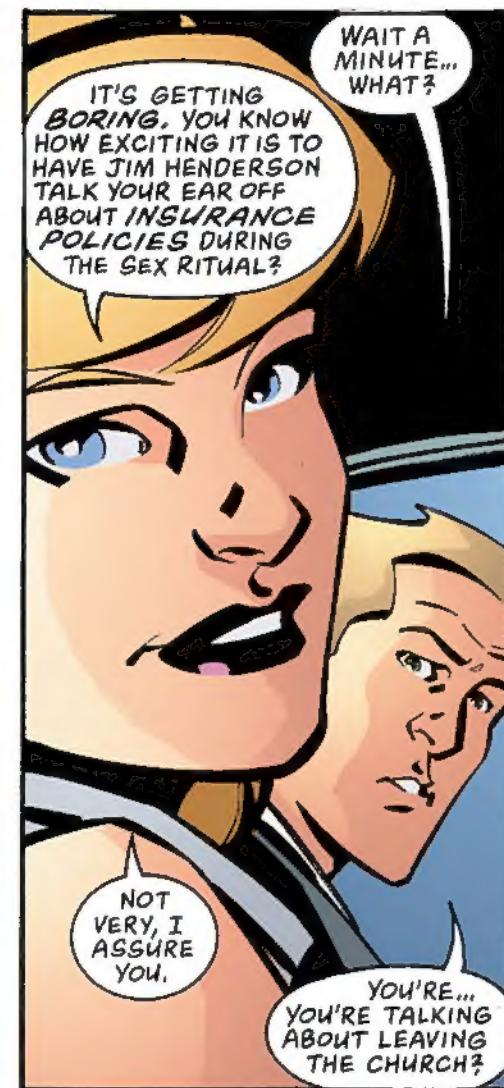
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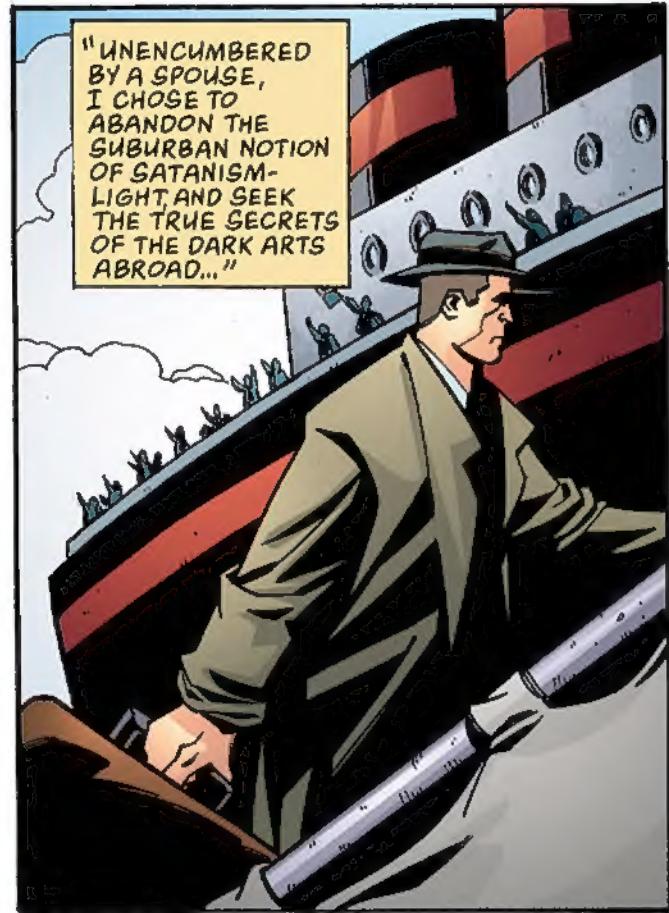
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ME... MUH...
MISTER...

... IN THE
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"I SPENT THE BETTER PART OF THE '60S HANGING OUT WITH LONDON'S OCCULT SOCIETY."

"THEY WERE MOSTLY AN ERUDITE BUNCH OF ACADEMICS-- LACKING ANY REAL VISION OR PASSION FOR THE FAITH-- WHO HELD BORING GATHERINGS AT WHICH THEY WAXED ALOOFLY ABOUT THE DARK ARTS."

I THOUGHT HAGGIS WAS SOME SCOTTISH DISH MADE OF GOAT'S GUTS?

"HOWEVER, IT WAS ONE SUCH DINNER IN '68 THAT I MET A GENTLEMAN WHO WOULD PROVIDE ME WITH THE INFORMATION THAT WOULD CHANGE MY LIFE FOREVER..."

NOT HAGGIS, DOVER, A MAGUS.

A SORCERER OF THE HIGHEST ORDER.

AND THIS BURGESS FELLA IS ONE OF THOSE?

HE CERTAINLY FANCIES HIMSELF ONE. RUMOR HAD IT HE SECURED THE MAGDALENE GRIMOIRE BACK IN '16.

WHICH IS WHAT NOW?

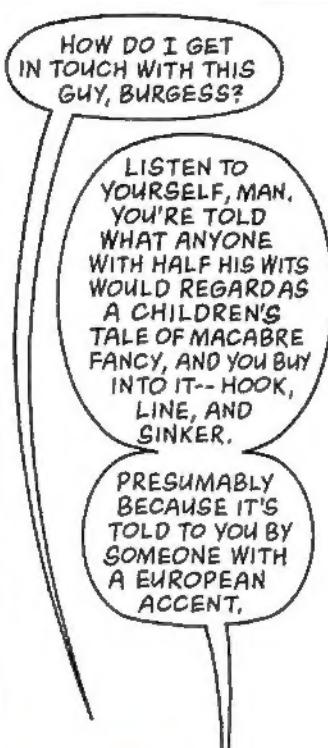
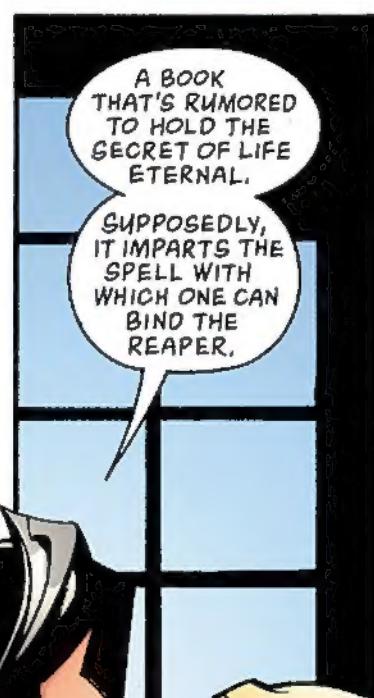
A BOOK THAT'S RUMORED TO HOLD THE SECRET OF LIFE ETERNAL.

SUPPOSEDLY, IT IMPARTS THE SPELL WITH WHICH ONE CAN BIND THE REAPER.

HOW DO I GET IN TOUCH WITH THIS GUY, BURGESS?

LISTEN TO YOURSELF, MAN. YOU'RE TOLD WHAT ANYONE WITH HALF HIS WITS WOULD REGARD AS A CHILDREN'S TALE OF MACABRE FANCY, AND YOU BUY INTO IT-- HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER.

PRESUMABLY BECAUSE IT'S TOLD TO YOU BY SOMEONE WITH A EUROPEAN ACCENT.

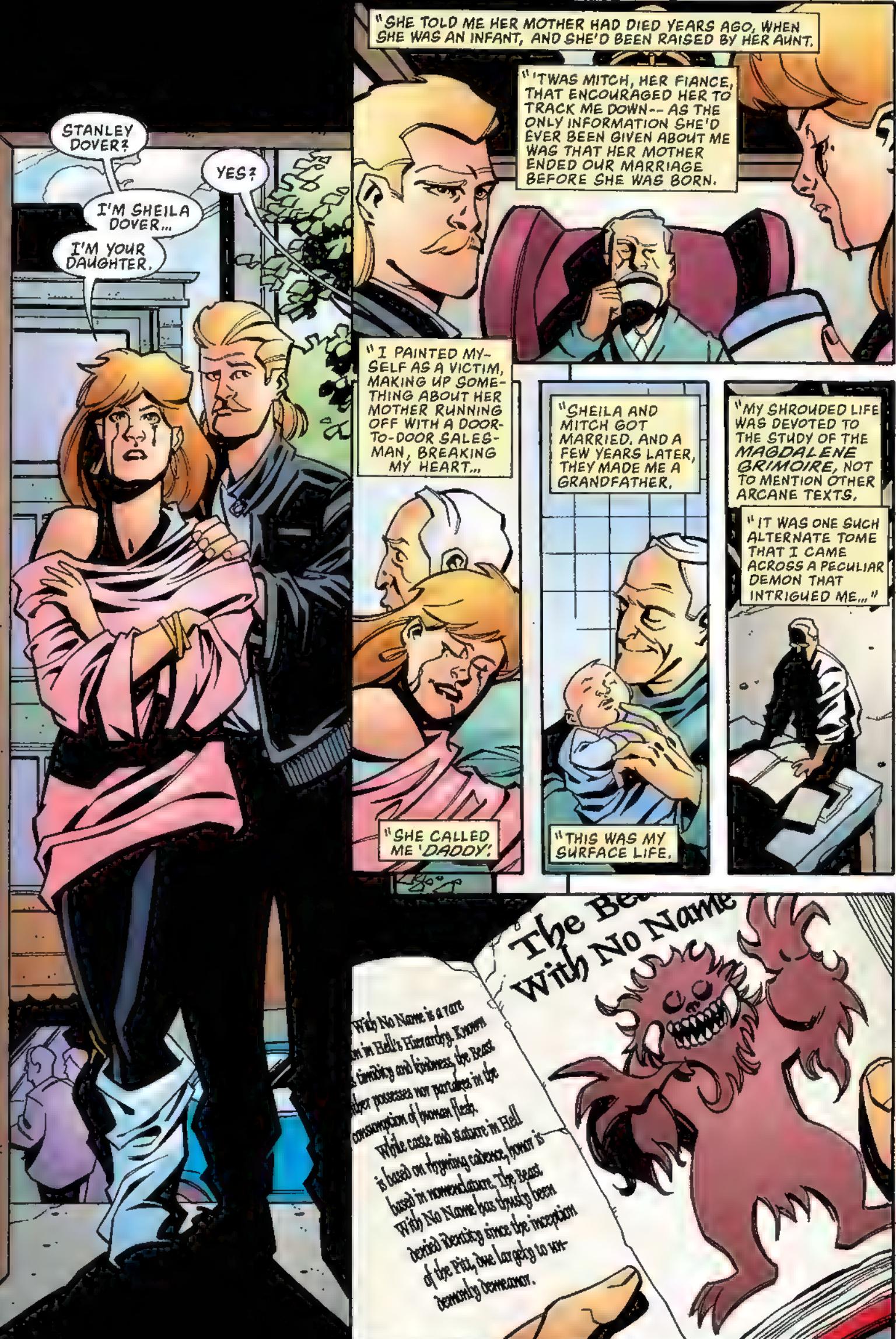






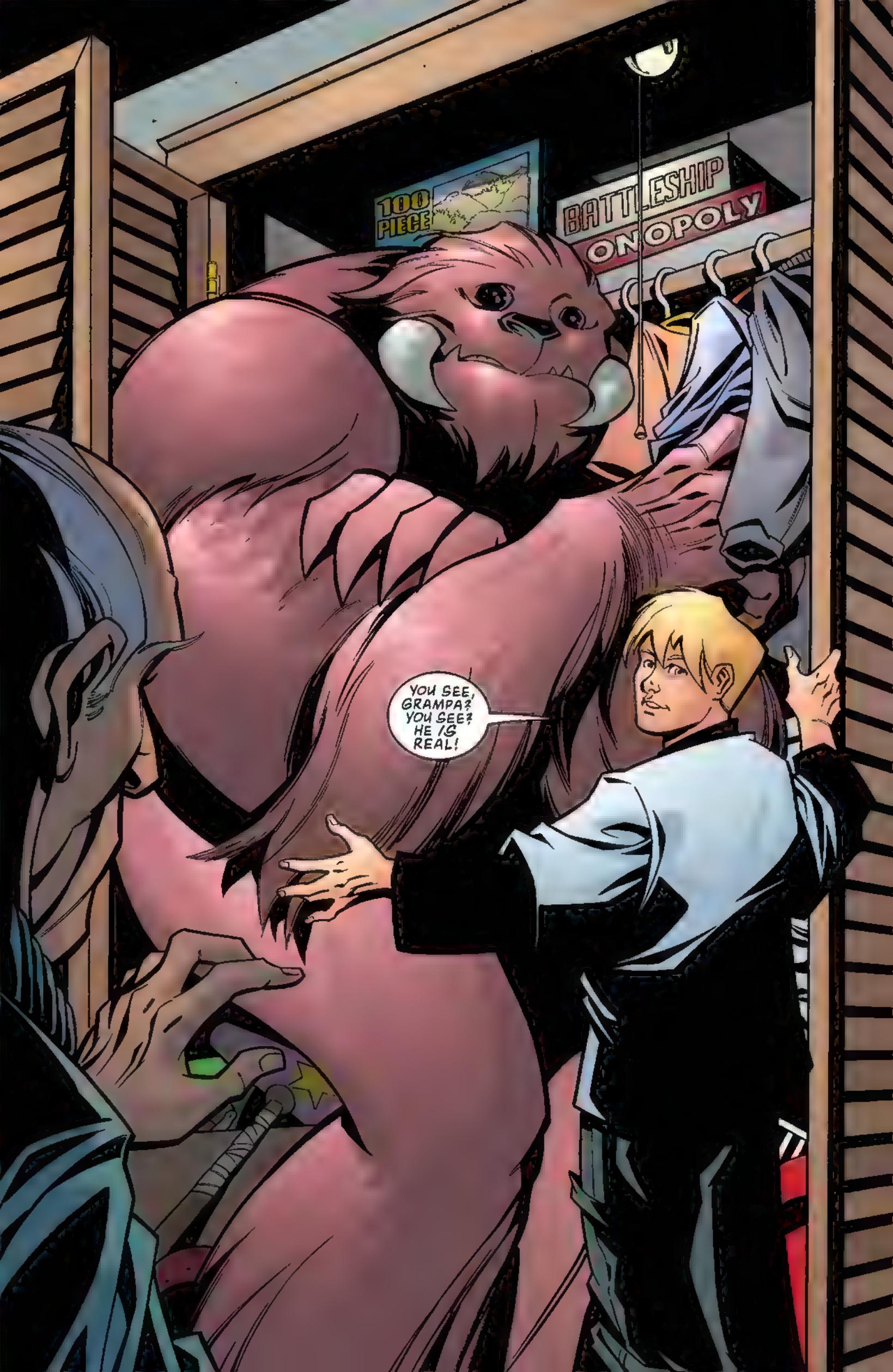
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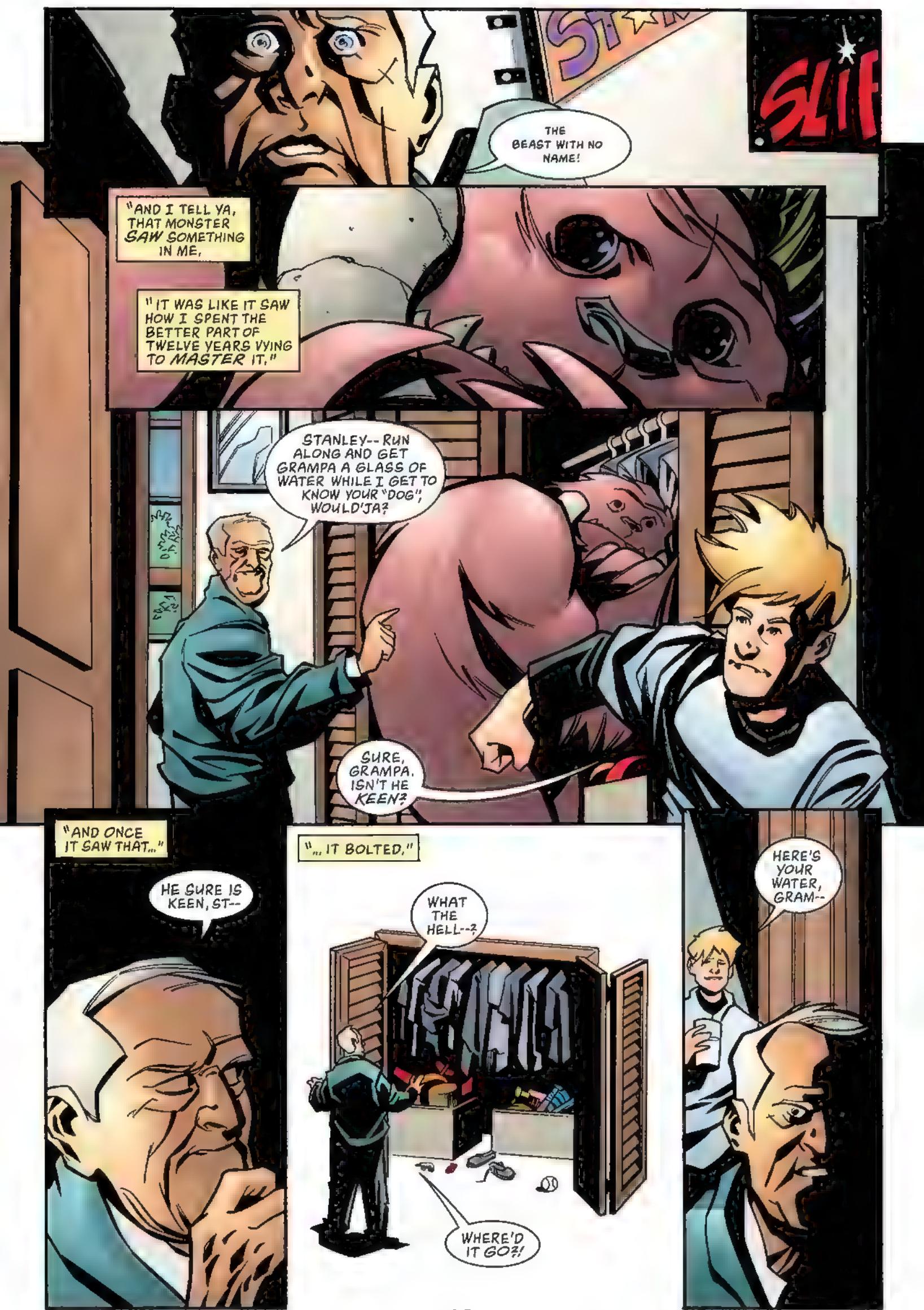








YOU SEE,
GRAMPA?
YOU SEE?
HE IS
REAL!





"I'D BUILT THE GLASS CAGE YEARS PRIOR,
FASHIONING IT AFTER THE ONE I'D SEEN IN
BURGESS' SUMMONING CHAMBER BACK IN
WYCH CROSS."

LET ME OUT! PLEEEASE
GRAMPA! LET ME OUT!!

NOW, SETTLE DOWN, SON.
NOBODY CAN HEAR YOU
DOWN HERE EXCEPT ME.

"I THOUGHT THE DEFILEMENT AND MOCKERY OF THE
BOY WOULD DRAW THE KINDLY BEAST OUT TO PROTECT HIM."

I NEED YOU TO PUT THAT THING ON, BOY,
AND KEEP IT ON 'TIL YOUR FRIEND
SHOWS UP TO SAVE YOU.

GRAMPA
DOESN'T
WANT YOU.
HE JUST
WANTS YOUR
BIG RED
DOG.

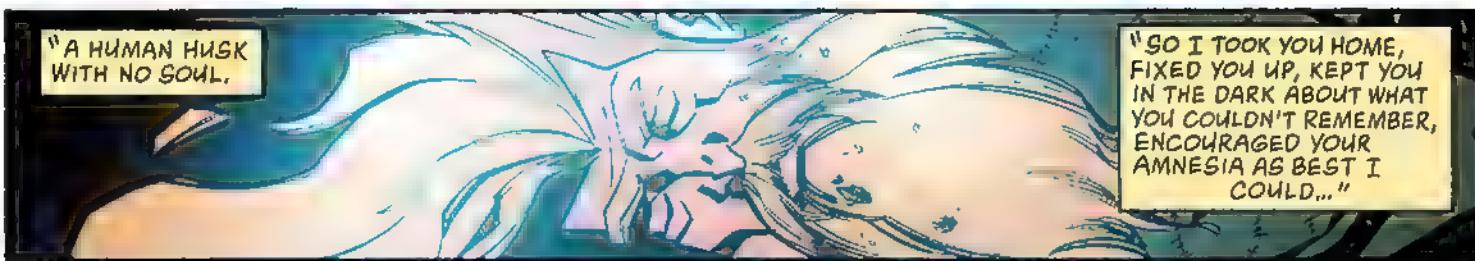
"THE IDEA WAS
SIMPLE..."

"I PLAYED THE BROKENHEARTED GRAMPA FOR SHEILA AND
HER MORON HUSBAND, NEVER FRETTING THAT THEY'D BE
SMART ENOUGH TO OPEN THE BASEMENT DOOR..."

"AND FOR
THREE MONTHS,
I WAITED."

"AS TIME PASSED, I GOT MORE DESPERATE TO DRAW THE BEAST OUT. I STARVED STANLEY, FEEDING HIM ONLY THE BLOOD OF THE CHILDREN I SACRIFICED IN FRONT OF HIM-- ALL IN A VAIN EFFORT TO COAX THE BOY'S ONE-TIME PROTECTOR OUT OF HIDING.

"BUT HUMILIATION, TORTURE, DEFILEMENT, DESECRATION, MURDER, AND ALL MANNER OF UNHOLY ACTS PERFORMED ON AND BEFORE STANLEY JR. WAS NOT ENOUGH TO BRING BACK THE BEAST.





SEE, THERE ARE ALL MANNER OF WAYS TO TRANSFER A SOUL INTO OTHER LIVING BEASTS-- CATS, BATS, SNAKES, ET CETERA-- BECAUSE BEASTS ARE SOULLESS, BUT TRANSFERRING A SOUL TO ANOTHER HUMAN? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

UNLESS SAID HUMAN IS SOULLESS, LIKE YOU.

AH-- HERE'S THE INCANTATION FOR IT.

BUT TAKING OVER MY BODY AIN'T GONNA HELP YOU CHEAT DEATH, YOU MORON! ONE DAY, THIS BODY'S GOING TO DIE, TOO, AND THEN WHAT?!

BY THAT POINT, I WILL HAVE HUNTED DOWN THAT BEAST, AND I'LL HAVE NO NEED OF YOUR CARCASS.

I FIGURE THE GREEN ARROW WILL GET A HERO'S WELCOME FROM THE WORLD-- ESPECIALLY AFTER HE DELIVERS UP THE STAR CITY SLAYER. HE'D BE WELCOMED BACK INTO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, AND HAVE ACCESS TO INCREDIBLE WORLD-WATCHING MACHINES.

THE BEAST IS OUT THERE SOMEWHERE. THEY WON'T HAVE HIM IN HELL, AND I'VE SPENT YEARS BINDING HIM TO THIS PLANE WITH THOSE INCANTATIONS. SOONER OR LATER, HE'S BOUND TO SHOW UP ON THOSE JLA WATCH-TOWER MONITORS YOU READ SO MUCH ABOUT IN ALL THOSE MAGAZINES.

AND GREEN ARROW--WHO'LL BE VOLUNTEERING ALL OF HIS TIME FOR MONITOR DUTY--WILL FIND HIM.

FINE--JUMP MY BONES, THEN. THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT. I GET IT.

BUT AT LEAST LET MIA AND THE KID GO. YOU'VE GOT ME, YOU DON'T NEED HER. AND YOU SAID IT YOURSELF THAT TORTURING THE KID'S NOT WORKING OUT WITH BRINGING BACK THE BEAST.

OH, NO--THE BOY, I'M GONNA KILL, THE GIRL, I'M...

...OR RATHER, YOU'RE...
...GOING TO HAVE.

ONCE I'VE TAKEN UP RESIDENCE INSIDE YOUR SKIN, I'M GOING TO RAVISH THAT SWEET LITTLE PIECE OF MEAT LIKE I'VE BEEN ACHING TO DO FOR WEEKS NOW.

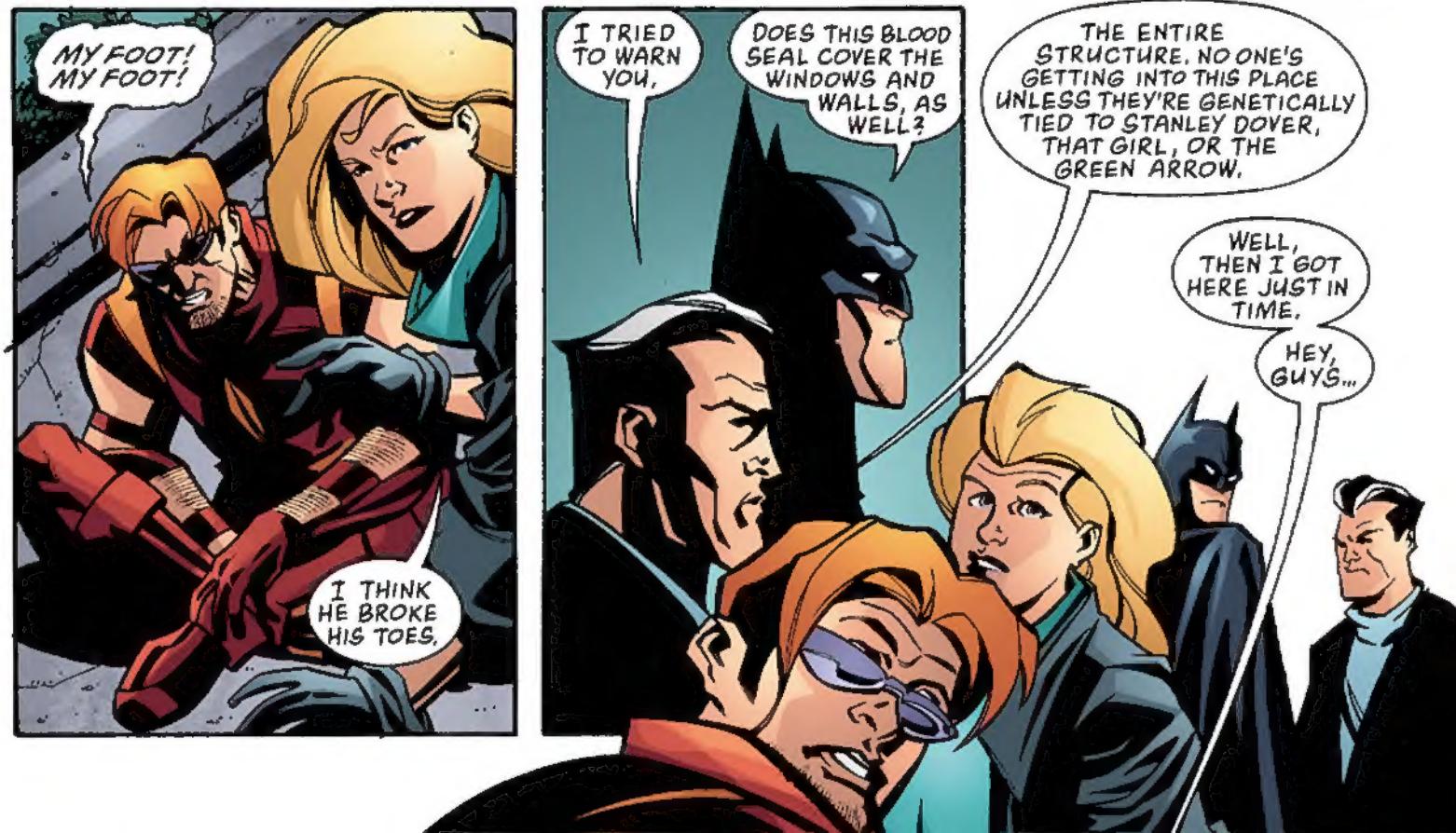
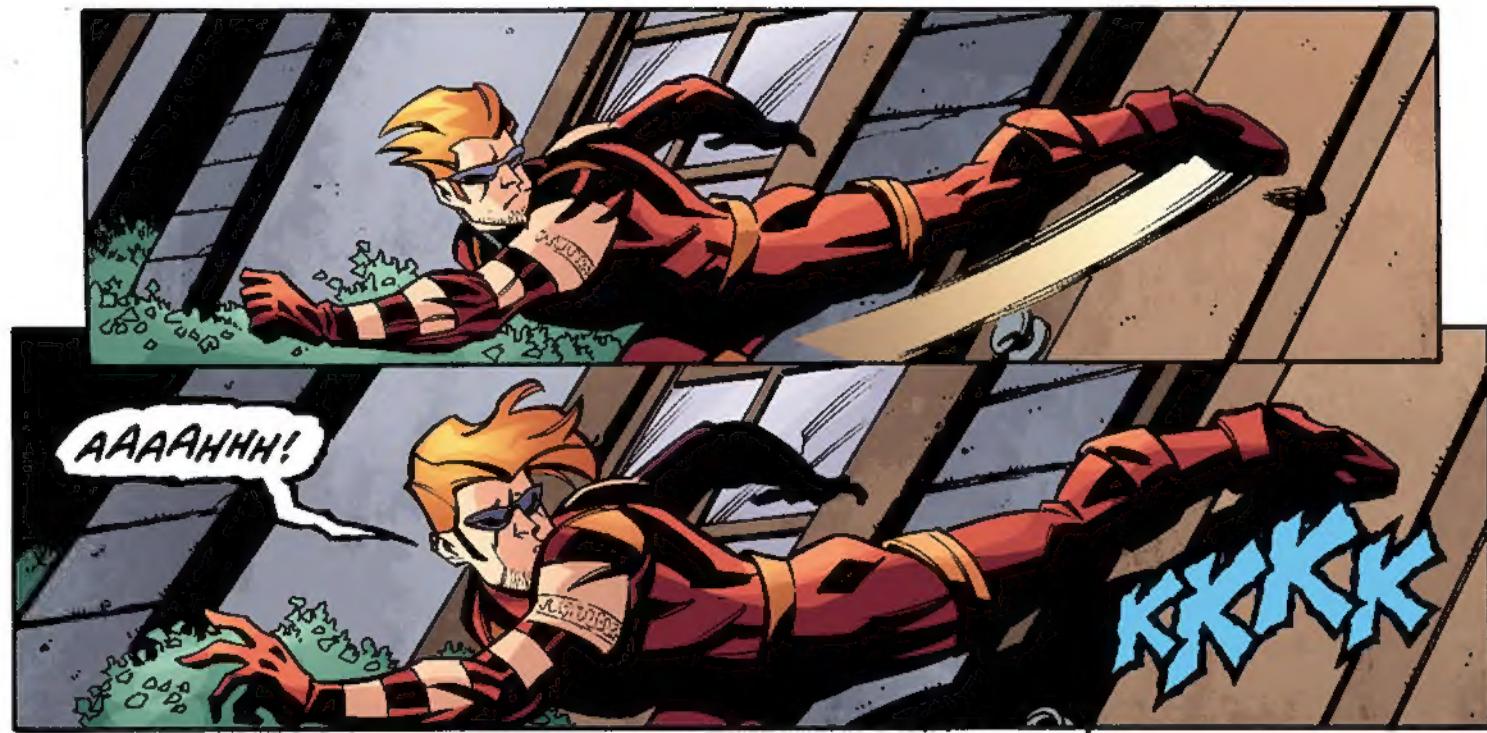
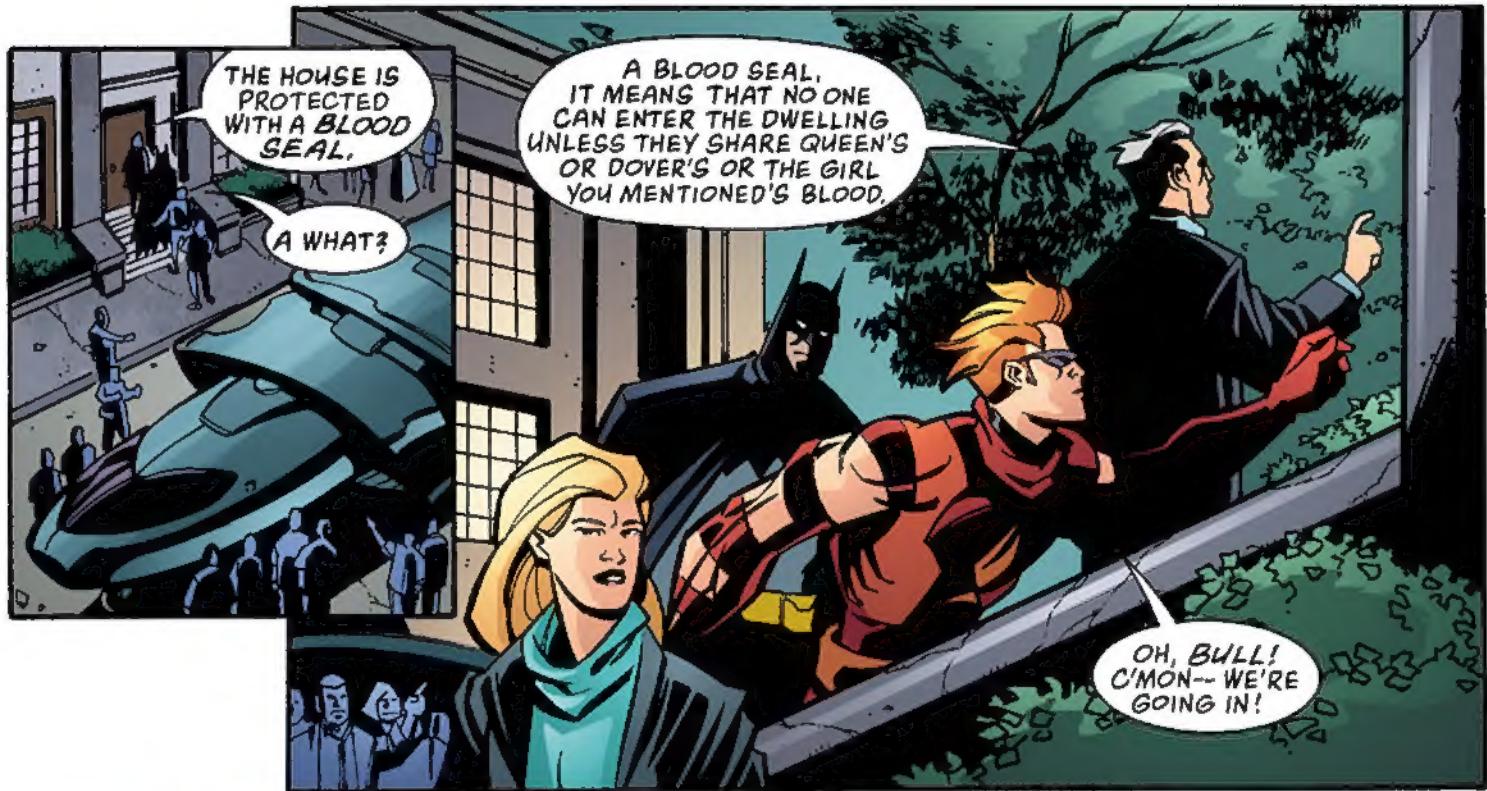
BUT... YOU'RE GAY!

NOT AT ALL. I LOVE ME THE LADIES, OLLIE. I JUST TOLD YOU I WAS GAY TO GAIN YOUR CONFIDENCE.

I MEAN, WHAT BETTER AND QUICKER WAY INTO THE HEART OF ANY LIBERAL THAN BY TELLING HIM YOU'RE A FAG?

YOU THINK THE SPECTRE'S GONNA LET YOU GET AWAY WITH ALL THIS SUPERNATURAL MUMBO-JUMBO? I KNOW THE GUY, AND HE'S IN THE BUSINESS OF PUTTING THE HURT ON COLOSSALLY EVIL LOSERS LIKE YOU!

EVEN IF HE WANTED TO, THE SPECTRE COULDN'T TOUCH ME HERE.





...I'M
HERE TO
SAVE MY
DAD.

TO BE CONCLUDED...

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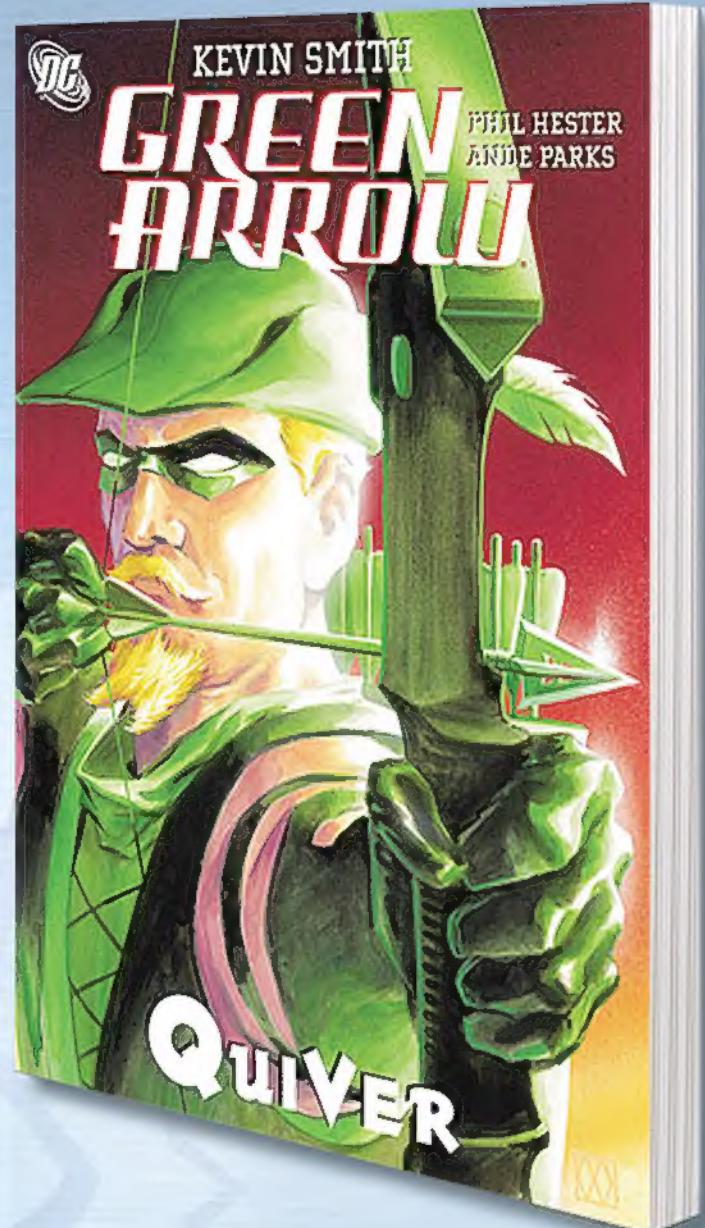
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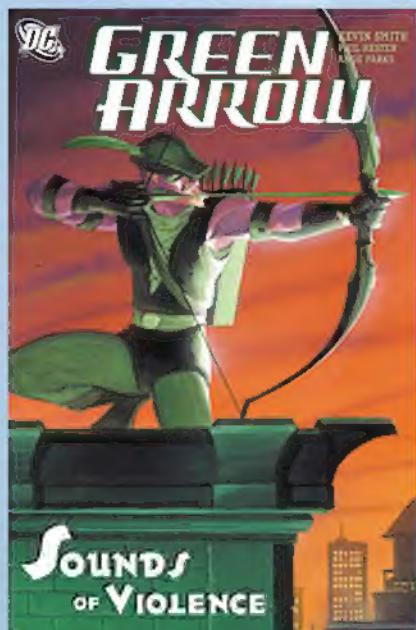
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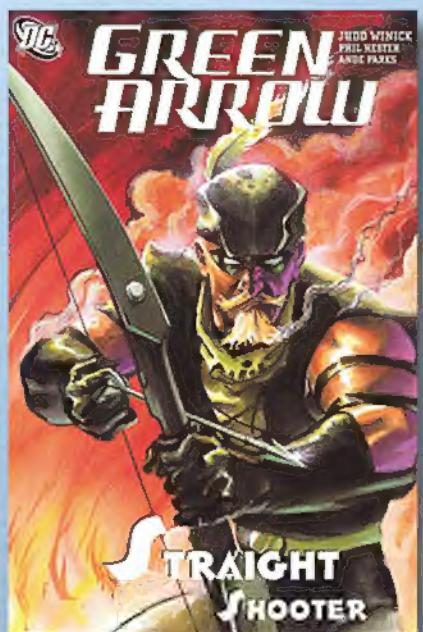
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